

Subject: Innovate DTLA Leadership Symposium Discussion Group Assignments & Instructions

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Dear Moderators and Subject Matter Experts -

Thank you for your commitment to participate in our **Innovate DTLA Leadership Symposium** on **Wednesday June 22nd**. The program begins at **8:00am** and, the table discussions will start at **10:30am**, lasting about an hour. When the event begins, we ask that you sit at your assigned table so you don't have to move when the discussion section begin.

John Bwarie - who is copied on this email - will be managing the discussion group participants and will follow up with any additional information. Please feel free to contact John or myself with any questions or issues.

A list of the tables, assignments and descriptions is below and attached.

Moderators at each table will make sure the big ideas are captured as the session goes on and will share those highlights with Nick for the report out at the end of the event. They are also charged with making sure the conversation doesn't get "stuck" and that all participants are able to engage.

Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) at each table are there to offer insights and lend their expertise to the conversation. We hope you'll be able to share opinions on your respective topic

During the discussions, other attendees who are not assigned to a table will have the opportunity to visit more than one table. They may just listen and they may also offer their perspective. An announcement will be made after 20 minutes have passed letting attendees know that they can move tables - SMEs should remain at their designated table.

We look forward to having you contribute to the launch of this initiative.

Symposium Discussion Groups

- Our 10 discussion subjects are clustered under the 5 key factors that define an Innovation District.
- The main questions on all of these subjects are:

- 1) What do we currently have?
- 2) How can we nurture and improve what we have and attract and develop more?

- 1) **CRITICAL MASS:** *Does DTLA have the assets to attract innovation companies, people, and resources?*

Buildings and Workplaces

Open innovation is changing where firms locate and how buildings and workplaces are designed, with an emphasis on space for collaboration and interaction, both inside and outside the office and building.

Participants

James Malone, Brookfield

Andrew Hales, Unispace

Evan, Commonwealth

Peter Zellner, ZNC

John Zanetos, CBRE

Moderator: Rachel Horning, StartUps in the Sky

Innovation Pipeline

Research and educational institutions, large firms, SMEs, start-ups, and entrepreneurs focused on developing cutting-edge technologies, products, and services for the market.

Participants

Colin Rhys and Bruce Upbin, Hyperloop One

John Goldman, Greycroft Partners

Ava Bromberg, MakerCity LA

James Bottom, USC

Mike Swords, LACI

Moderator: Elan Shore, DCBID

2) COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE: Is DTLA leveraging assets and strengths, to support innovation?

Talent Attraction/ Development

Workers with specialized knowledge and skills are necessary to generate new discoveries, design new products and services, improve processes, and commercialize ideas for the marketplace.

Participants

Nick Loui, Vixlet

Kat Yalung, General Assembly

Jay Tucker, USC

Moderator: Julia Marino, DCBID

Defining DTLA

Understanding and communicating a district's unique qualities, assets and advantages is critical to attracting and supporting innovative companies and individuals and setting priorities for the area.

Participants

Yo Santosa, LA Downtowner

Steven Sharp, Urbanize LA

John Rigardi, LA Downtown News

Brian Eck, LA City Planning

Moderator: Gerren Kelsaw

3) DIVERSITY & INCLUSION: Is DTLA providing broad opportunity for LA residents?

Employment

Innovation districts grow jobs in multiple sectors offering opportunities to connect residents to occupations that require disparate sets of skills and work experience.

Participants

Jan Perry, City of LA Economic Development and

Christian Foster, Odesus
Russell Horning, LA County, Office of Hilda Solis
Moderator: Chris Rico, LAEDC

Education/Training

Innovation districts can provide a platform for inclusive growth in surrounding neighborhoods as well as creating educational, employment, and other opportunities at a range of socio-economic levels.

Participants

Wayne Smutz, UCLA Extension
Ming Fung, Sci-Arc
Richard Fliegel, USC
Moderator: Jill Mamey, Stratiscope

4) QUALITY OF PLACE: *Does DTLA have the places, experiences and mobility that facilitate innovation?*

Public Spaces & Mobility

Live/work walkable/bike-able areas connected by transit and technology attract innovative companies and creative individuals by enabling intentional and spontaneous communication and collaboration.

Participants

Steven White, Syncromatics
Joshua Schank, LA Metro
Shane Phillips, LA Streetcar
Rubina Ghazarian, Metro Bike Share
Mike Shull, LA Rec and Parks
Brian Golodney, Gensler
Valerie Watson, DOT
Moderator: Ari Simon

Residential & Retail

Residents are a vital component of a vibrant urban core, while amenities activate district streets and public spaces, all of which makes an area more compelling and convenient for companies and workers.

Participants

Clare Debriere, Ratkovich
Sam Brownell, Blatteis & Schnur
Nate Koach, Sub Urban Riot
Fredrik Carlstrom, Austere
Cinia Finfer; Mary Fagnano; Michael Berne
Moderator: Noah Strouse

5) CULTURE & COLLABORATION: *Is DTLA connecting people, places, institutions to support innovation?*

Networking

Social and professional networks within and across sectors – virtual and “in person” are the connective tissue and nervous system of dynamic innovation districts, facilitating communication and collaboration.

Participants

Lindsey Keefner, Nationbuilder
Elizabeth Reynolds, Cross Campus
Audrey Bellis, Startups DTLA
Moderator: Neal Anderberg, City Impact Lab

Civic Engagement/Investment

Public and private investment and engagement in the “infrastructure of innovation” – ranging from technology to policy to marketing – are critical to the growth and impact of innovation districts.

Participants

Paul Vandeventer Community Partners

Stephen Kane, Grid 110

John Szabo, LA Public Library

Angie Jean-Marie, Goldhirsh

Moderator: John Bwarie, Stratiscope



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